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**Via electronic filing**

Cynthia T. Brown  
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Surface Transportation Board  
395 E Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20423

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**Re: Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 625X), CSX Transportation, Inc. —  
*Abandonment Exemption—in Preston County, West Virginia***

Dear Ms. Brown:

Reference is made to the letter, dated May 4, 2010 (and filed with Board on May 18, 2010), from Dave Bassage, Interim Director, on behalf of Friends of the Cheat, Inc. (the "Friends") requesting a 180-day extension of the NITU negotiating period (the "Extension Request") with respect to the line in the above-captioned proceeding.

CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT") hereby acknowledges and concurs with the Extension Request, as it has not consummated the abandonment, has been unable to finalize negotiations with Friends, and desires to continue to negotiate for interim trail use/rail banking with Friends.

Accordingly, CSXT respectfully requests the Board grant Friends' request for a 180-day extension of time to November 2, 2010<sup>1</sup> to negotiate trail use with Friends. Additionally, CSXT respectfully requests an extension of the date to consummate the abandonment to January 1, 2011.

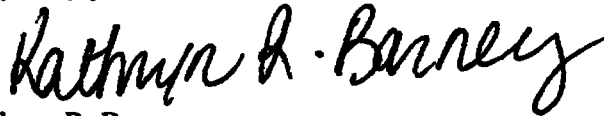
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<sup>1</sup> The most recent extension for negotiating trail use for the Line expired on May 6, 2010 (the "Negotiating Deadline") and the current consummation deadline for consummating the abandonment is July 5, 2010. Friends appear to have inadvertently calculated the 180-day extension of the NITU expiration date to be November 3, 2010 – as opposed to November 2, 2010. Although CSXT would accept either date as the new NITU negotiating deadline, CSXT respectfully suggests setting the date to November 2, 2010 to avoid confusion in the future.

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CSXT is e-filing this notice. Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions please call or email me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathryn R. Barney". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kathryn R. Barney

cc: Parties of Record